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The Honorable Scott S. Harris  
Clerk of the Court  
Supreme Court of the United States  
One First Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20543

Re: *Phillip Wayne Tomlin v. Tony Patterson, Warden*, No. 19-7127

Dear Mr. Harris:

The petition for a writ of certiorari in the above-captioned case was filed on December 27, 2019, and distributed for conference on January 16, 2020. On January 23, 2020, a response was requested. The State's response is due, after one extension, on March 25, 2020. I respectfully request, under Rule 30.4 of the Rules of this Court, a further extension of time of 21 days, to and including April 15, 2020, for the filing of the State's response.

This extension is necessary because counsel of record, Edmund LaCour, has only recently taken over the case. Mr. LaCour requires additional time to research the record and legal issues presented in this case. Moreover, between now and the current due date of the brief, Mr. LaCour has substantial briefing obligations.

Counsel for petitioner does not oppose this further extension.

Respectfully submitted,

s/Edmund G. LaCour Jr.  
Edmund G. LaCour Jr.

cc: Bernard E. Harcourt